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CITY OF WASHINGTON, SUNDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 12, 1854.

The Second Exhibition of the Metropolitan Mechanics' Institute,

For the Promotion and Encouragement of Manufactures, Commerce, and the Mechanic and Useful Arts,

Will be opened at the City of Washington on Thursday, the 25th day of November, 1854, in the hall of the Metropolitan Mechanics' Institute, which is one of the most magnificent rooms in the United States.

To this exhibition the manufacturers, mechanics, artists, inventors, &c., will be invited to display the results of their labor, skill, ingenuity, and taste, from all portions of the Union, are cordially invited to contribute.

The military department will be under the charge of a special agent; steam power, fixtures, labor, &c., will be given free of expense.

All intending to exhibit are requested to give notice at as early a period as possible, so that they may be accommodated with a proper place.

The committee, therefore, feel that, in inviting contributions from all parts of the Union to the second exhibition of the Metropolitan Mechanics' Institute, they are offering to the producer of ex-ecellent articles a valuable opportunity of making known to the whole country their novelty and the superior style of their work, and their adaptation to the purposes for which they may be intended.

They would respectfully solicit from the ladies those specimens which they may have, and hope to secure an attractive and important feature of these displays. It is proposed to submit all such contributions to a committee of ladies, and to award to articles of merit premiums of jewelry, &c., suited to the tastes of the fair.

The hall will be opened for the reception of goods on Monday, the 25th day of January, and the evening of Tuesday, the 26th of February, 1855, for the exhibition, which will open on the 27th of February, and continue open about four weeks.

No article deposited after Saturday night, 25th of February, or before the 27th of January, will be subject to a charge of 50 cents for each article deposited.

Matters to be of the best quality, put together in a workmanlike manner, and all customary paints and fixtures for strength, and against fire, to be observed.

The steam engine of best quality, to be of the low pressure, and with the most recent improvements.

The certificate of said inspection in reference to the condition, strength, and workmanship, finish, and form of the boat, to be furnished by the contractor; these two to select a third, and to employ no less than two professional steamboat men; also, to furnish all documents which contribute articles of their own make or invention shall specify their age and the time they may have served at their boats.

The boat, after inspection, to be exposed to a trial trip of not less than ten miles, and each boat to have two good coals, not less than 200 lbs. each, and a supply of water, to weigh forty-eight pounds to the tons of 400 sheets.

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B. G. Goods should be addressed as follows: *Editor of the Metropolitan Mechanics' Institute, Washington, D. C.*, or to the name of the maker and inventor, (if known,) and the name of the depositor; a copy of which must be furnished the 25th of February, with the name of the party sealing them, distinctly marked on the packages. They should also be accompanied by a detailed bill of lading.

General and particular instructions will be forwarded, and any information given, on application to the corresponding secretary, to whom all communications on the business of the Institute should be addressed.

Oct 31—*Frank Taylor*

Bureau Corps of Topographical Engineers.

September 14, 1854.

PROPOSALS will be received at this office until, and on, the 15th November next, for the construction, equipment, and delivery of an iron steamer to be built at New York, to be named the "Duke" or "Duchess," to be 120 feet long, 30 feet wide, 10 feet deep, and to not be less than 120 tons burthen, to be built of beams, plates, &c., in a double bottom, to be built of iron, of not less than 200 tons burthen, and depth of hold about 8x feet.

The deck and cabin of said boat to be in trunk fashion, and to be divided as follows: forward of the machinery, cabin, and mess room, to be 20x10 feet; the cabin, 12x10 feet; the mess room, 12x10 feet; the deck house, 12x10 feet; the kitchen, 8x10 feet; the water closet, and customary cabin and kitchen furniture, for not less than \$1000.

The upper deck, or cabin roof, to be sufficiently firm for customaries.

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Proposals for Furnishing the Paper for the Public Printing.

OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE PUBLIC PRINTING, Washington, September 25, 1854.

In pursuance of the "Act to provide for executing the public printing," &c., approved August 26, 1852, sealed proposals will be received at this office, in the Capitol, under the first Monday (and day) of November next, for the paper required for the year commencing on the 1st day of December, 1854, and ending on the 1st day of December, 1855.

The paper to be supplied will be in the following quantities: 1,000 reams fine printing paper, calculated, to measure 24 by 36 inches, and to weight forty-five pounds to the ream of 480 sheets.

1,000 reams coarse printing paper, calculated, to measure 24 by 36 inches, and to weight forty-five pounds to the ream of 480 sheets.

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